

# **Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting**

## **January 17, 2013**

**Present-** Doug Ricci (Chair), Rev. Dan Busch, Alan Mikesell, Tom Maurer, Bill Kerr, Cathy Hunter, Rev. Steve Voelker

**Absent-** Rev. John Miller, Pastor Kyle Timmons, Rev. Don Corbin, Rev. Don Rock, Marcia Burkhart

The meeting was opened by Doug then devotions and opening prayer were given by Rev. Dan Busch. We also discussed recent joys that have blessed our lives.

There were no minutes from the last meeting to review.

### **Old Business**

1. Team Guidelines- Rev. Don Corbin ask the general question of what works to get people involved in giving and caring and a lengthy discussion followed. Topics covered ranged from communication, to giving, to where our money goes. Rev. Dan drew a diagram on the board showing the percentage of where each dollar given to the local church ends up. We also talked about how balance between you, God, and others leads to good stewardship.

2. Budgeting workshop
3. Estate planning workshop.
4. Cathy Hunter talked to us about care programs in general. The Parish Nurse program at Sylvania started out as a committee and is now composed of a board of 6 people. People do not have to be a Registered Nurse to participate as just about everyone has some use. Most people who visit or drive those who have trouble getting around have some sort of observation training. Many local hospitals have Community Outreach Programs and other resources that can be shared.

### **New Business**

1. Proposal from the Ohio Conference. Basically the Ohio Conference would like the Associations to agree for all the association ministers to become Conference ministers and be assigned actions from the Conference and for all OCWM funds to be given directly to the Conference to be dolled out by the Conference. This will be a discussion item at the next Cabinet meeting.

### **Action Items**

1. Rev. Don Corbin would like help on the caring aspect of the guidelines. I asked Don to call Cathy Hunter for involvement. Any other member of the team who would like to help should call Rev. Don Corbin.
2. Rev. Steve Voelker to find out when budgeting people would be available to give a workshop.
3. Cathy Hunter to write an article for the Vine to develop interest in the Parish Nurse Program.

4. Pastor Kyle Timmons is to develop an estate planning workshop.
5. We are all to go to our church members and ask what works for them in the area of stewardship or what needs they may have and bring those stories back for Rev. Don Corbin.
6. The next meeting will be on March 21, 2013. Rev. Steve Voelker will give devotions.

## **Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting March 21, 2013**

**Present-** Doug Ricci (Chair), Rev. Dan Busch, Alan Mikesell, Tom Maurer, Bill Kerr, Cathy Hunter, Rev. Steve Voelker, Rev. Don Rock

**Absent-** Rev. John Miller, Pastor Kyle Timmons, Rev. Don Corbin, Marcia Burkhart

The meeting was opened by Doug then devotions and opening prayer were given by Rev. Steve Voelker.

### **Minutes**

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with minor changes.

### **Old Business**

1. Team Guidelines- Rev. Don Corbin continues with this item.
2. Budgeting workshop-Rev. Steve Voelker continues with this item.
3. Estate planning workshop-Pastor Kyle Timmons continues with this item.
4. Cathy Hunter had us review an article she had prepared for The Vine. This will be submitted for the next publication. Cathy also volunteered to put on two workshops at the next annual meeting. These will concern faith based nursing and will be able to be counted as continuing education units. This item is closed.
5. The proposal from the Ohio Conference to change the structure of the Ohio Conference and the Associations will not get enough votes for approval so the proposal is dead. Changes still need to be made to ensure we stay financially solvent so stay tuned. This item is closed.

### **New Business**

1. . There was no new business.

### **Action Items**

1. Rev. Don Corbin would like help on the caring aspect of the guidelines. I asked Don to call Cathy Hunter for involvement. Any other member of the team who would like to help should call Rev. Don.
2. Rev. Steve Voelker to find out when budgeting people would be available to give a workshop.
3. Pastor Kyle Timmons is to develop an estate planning workshop.
4. We are all to go to our church members and ask what works for them in the area of stewardship or what needs they may have and bring those stories back for Rev. Don Corbin.
5. The next meeting will be on May 16, 2013. Alan Mikesell will offer opening devotions and prayer.

## Stewardship and Caring Team Notes - May 16, 2013

Greetings,

For our new members, Christine, Dave, and Rick, welcome to the team.

We just had our All Team Event where we made some changes to the team structure, talked about what we may want to accomplish, and set our meeting dates for the coming year.

I will remain the team chair, at least for the time being, Bill Kerr will be the vice chair, and Tom Maurer will be the secretary. I will remain our link to the Cabinet. Our link to Lakeshore Region will be Kyle Timmons, to Sandusky Valley will be Steve Voelker, and to Auglaize will be Alan Mikesell.

The team will now take a rest for the summer and meet again in September. Our meeting will continue to be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the NWOA office in Tiffin, Ohio. Please mark your calendar for the following meeting dates and who will be giving devotions: Sept. 19th - Doug Ricci, Nov. 21st - Tom Maurer, Jan. 16th - Bill Kerr, Mar. 20th - Dave Borden, and May 15th - Steve Voelker. The May 15th date will probably change to May 17th as that is the date for the next All Team Event. If, as the meeting date approaches, you cannot make a meeting please let me know. Also, we will attempt to have some meetings by phone or computer this year.

I do have some homework for you to mull over till we meet in Sept. Think about how we might present an award to the churches to promote stewardship and what parameters might be measured for that award.. Also, think about what you might want to write in a monthly blog from this team on stewardship or caring to be presented in the Vine or the NWOA website. This will be a rotating assignment and I hope everyone will want to participate. One other project we will work on going forward is to visit each of the churches in our regions to ask what is needed from the NWOA and in particular from this team. We will start working up a list of questions to ask in Sept.

I hope you all have an enjoyable, blessed summer,

Doug Ricci

# Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting

## September 19, 2013

**Present:** Doug Ricci (Chair), Alan Mikesell, Tom Maurer, Cathy Hunter, Rev. Steve Voelker, Marcia Burkhart, Rev. Rick Dorsch, Dave Borden

**Guest:** Rev Bob Bottoms, Dean of the Lay School

### **Doug Ricci opened the meeting**

**Devotions:** Devotions were given by Doug Ricci, which was followed by a prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The notes of the last meeting (the All-Team Meeting May 18, 2013) were reviewed. Discussion included that the next meeting would be November 21, 2013, with Tom Maurer leading devotions, and that Doug Ricci would not be at the meeting. Minutes accepted.

**Special Presentation:** Rev. Bob Bottoms, Dean of Lay School presented an update on the NWOA Lay School. The lay school has gone through many changes. It is now changing to a 5 year schedule and adding courses. The Board of the lay school is also looking at adding 4 different topic conferences of about 4 hours each, with a fee to cover expenses to provide additional information on Stewardship, and Evangelism. Proposing the spring 2014 session be on stewardship and held somewhere in Tiffin, and they are seeking support. They would like to create a 4 person ad-hoc committee of people from the Stewardship team and the Lay board to work out the details. Alan Mikesell agreed to be on this special committee. Rev Bottoms also referred to a book "Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation, Ecumenical Stewardship Center".

### **Old Business:**

1. As a Team, we need to continue to think about and put together ways to promote Stewardship Awards. We recognize churches with "5 for 5", "OCWM giving and increase giving", and money to "CUE". Are there other ways to recognize churches?
2. General discussion on the purpose and goals of the Stewardship and Caring Team.
3. Cathy Hunter will be writing an article on caring for the Vine.
4. Need to touch base with our churches to receive input on how we can help them.

### **New Business:**

1. Articles on Stewardship for the Vine. There was a general discussion that the article would be short, and cover some aspect of stewardship and caring. The schedule of writers is  
Doug Ricci - October article  
Alan Mikesell - November Article  
Tom Maurer - December Article  
Cathy Hunter - January Article  
Rev Rick Dorsch - February Article  
Dave Borden - March Article  
Rev. Steve Voelker - April Article  
???? - May Article  
Doug is to find out the deadline for articles to the Vine and pass it to the committee.

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2. Lay School joint Ad-hoc committee on stewardship. Concern was expressed about the timing of a spring session, at a cost and the NWOA Annual Meeting in April.
3. General discussion on:
  - Caring – Parish Nursing
  - Stewardship is more than “money” it is also about caring
  - Book titled “Spiritual Care-A Guide for Caregivers” by Judith Allen Shelly

### **Next Meeting:**

November 21, 2013 at 10:00AM to Noon at the NWOA office  
Devotions by Tom Maurer

### **Possible Future Action Items:**

1. Budgeting Workshop
2. Estate planning workshop
3. Writing expanded details of guidelines for the committee.

# Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting

## November 21, 2013

**Present:** Rev. Dan Bush, Alan Mikesell, Tom Maurer, Cathy Hunter, Rev. Steve Voelker,  
Rev. Rick Dorsch, Rev. Dave Borden, Bill Kerr

**Guest:** No guest

**Bill Kerr, acting chairman, opened the meeting**

**Devotions:** Devotions were given by Tom Maurer, which was followed by a prayer.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Discussion included the importance of being constant with names and titles of those attending the meeting. Attendance at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was corrected, and the minutes were accepted.

**Special Presentation:** No special Presentation

### Old Business:

1. As a Team, we need to continue to think about and put together ways to promote Stewardship Awards. We recognize churches with “5 for 5”, “OCWM giving and increase giving”, and money to “CUE”.
2. General discussion on the purpose and goals of the Stewardship and Caring Team.
3. Cathy Hunter will be writing an article on caring for the Vine.
4. Need to touch base with our churches to receive input on how we can help them. **Additional thoughts included a survey or discussion with the churches to find out what we can do for them. Sandusky Valley met 11-12-13 at McCulchenville. They are having a Hymn Sing January 12, 2014 from 3 to 5. Consider having stewardship moments during the church service. Stewardship is a year around process, reaching out and caring. Stewardship is more than just money, it is time and talents. The church needs to communicate what the church is doing in the way of stewardship. The church has low expectations of what membership involves. Stewardship is a form of worship. Programs of caring about people, not money – Topics could be helping prevent strokes and heart attacks.**
5. Lay School joint Ad-hoc committee on special stewardship Class: **Alan and Steve are working on meeting with Rev. Bottom to discuss the class. Nothing new at this time as far as schedule or location of the class.**
6. Articles on Stewardship for the Vine. **Doug provided the deadline for articles to the Vine and requested all articles are sent to him to forward. The Vine is sent to around 400 e-mail addresses. Bill Kerr said he would do May 2014.** The schedule of writers is:

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Doug Ricci - October article

Alan Mikesell - November Article – **turning it in late**

Tom Maurer - December Article

Cathy Hunter - January Article

Rev. Rick Dorsch - February Article

Rev. Dave Borden - March Article

Rev. Steve Voelker - April Article

**Bill Kerr** - May Article

7. Caring – Parish Nursing : **We changed the name of this item to Health Ministry/Parish Nursing**

### **New Business:**

1. **General discussion concerning what the weather would be like for the January meeting. We will consider as many as can reach the Association Office due to the limited number of phone lines available to be used for a telephone conference call. We will have to wait and see about the weather and traveling as that date gets closer.**

### **Next Meeting:**

January 16, 2014 at 10:00AM to Noon at the NWOA office  
Devotions by Bill Kerr

**Planning for our needs at the 2014 NWOA Annual Meeting - St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys – April 26, 2014**

### **Possible Future Action Items:**

1. Budgeting Workshop
2. Estate planning workshop
3. Writing expanded details of guidelines for the committee.
4. Commitment
5. Caring for the caregiver